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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Francis Joseph Carr *et al.*)
Application No. 09/518,813)
Filed: March 3, 2000)
For: METHODS FOR PROTEIN SCREENING) Group Art Unit: 1639
Examiner: Jon D. Epperson) Atty. Docket No. MER-105

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RESPONSE TO FURTHER RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated 29 July 2003 on the above-identified application, requiring additional restriction and/or election of species. A petition for a one month extension in the time for filing a response to the Office Action and a check for the required fee of \$110.00 are enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees concerning this matter to our Deposit Account No. 15-0508.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.